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HOUSING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Members: 13 voting members

Liaisons: 6, as noted below

Voting Members Appointed By: Select Board

Length of Term: Three years for voting members

Appointments Made: September 30

Meeting Times: As Posted

2022 01 Apr, 8:49 am

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Description: The Charge of the Housing Partnership Board is to promote and support low income, affordable, senior affordable, moderate, and workforce housing activities and recommend appropriate actions. The Partnership will bring together committees, groups, and housing advocates to create a unified and focused approach to achieve attainable housing goals in Lexington. The Housing Partnership Board will also promote and support fair housing (the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination) within Lexington.

Responsibilities: The Housing Partnership Board will work with other community organizations to support the goal of *equitable* housing by taking the following actions:

1. Identify local, state and federal housing resources available to individuals seeking attainable housing,
2. Identify local, state, and federal housing resources available to relevant Town Boards, Town Committees, and other Town entities, and other relevant local organizations.
3. Advocate for land use, regulations, and zoning bylaws to increase attainable housing stock,
4. Increase public awareness through public information and forums,
5. Assist with land or properties acquisition suitable for development of low income, affordable, senior affordable, moderate, and workforce housing,
6. Make recommendations on proposals that do or could include an attainable housing component, and
7. Advise the Select Board, Planning Board, and other Town entities to aid in their decision-making process regarding attainable housing.
8. Provide input to local organizations working towards attainable housing,
9. <Something related to fair housing>

Criteria for Membership: The Housing Partnership will consist of thirteen voting members and five liaisons. Voting members will include individuals recommended by:

- The Planning Board
- The Council on Aging
- The Lexington Housing Authority
- LexHAB

Other voting members appointed by the Select Board may include, but not be limited to, attainable housing advocates, and representatives from the fields of banking, real estate,

development, and social services.

The following boards and committees will be asked to name liaisons to the partnership:

- Select Board,
- Capital Expenditures Committee,
- Conservation Commission
- Sustainability Committee
- Human Rights Committee
- Committee on Disabilities

Members are expected to attend 75% of the meetings in the year running from October 1 to September 30. Members are also expected to advance the cause of attainable housing by activities outside of Housing Partnership Board meetings.

Alternates who can vote if the member is unable to attend a meeting may be designated by the Select Board. Alternates will be encouraged to attend meetings, but do not need to attend all meetings in order to vote in the absence of the member. For voting purposes, alternates will be selected by the Chairman. Alternates should stay informed on the current issues, either attendance or review of materials and minutes.

Prior to serving as a member of this committee, appointees are required to:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the Summary of the Conflict-of-Interest Statute. Further, to continue to serve on the Committee the member must acknowledge annually receipt of the summary of the Conflict-of-Interest Statute. Said summary will be provided by and acknowledged by the Town Clerk.
2. Provide evidence to the Town Clerk that the appointee has completed the on-line training requirement required by the Conflict-of-Interest Statute. Further, to continue to serve on the committee, the member must acknowledge every two years completion of the on-line training requirement.

Ref.:

Charge adopted by Board of Selectmen on December 1, 2003.

Board of Selectmen voted to designate as Special Municipal Employees on 1/18/06.

Revised charge, October 15, 2007, to 18 Selectmen appointments and 3 appointed by designated boards or committees.

Revised charge, March 15, 2010, to increase general housing advocates to 13, removing specific organizations and removing three liaisons.

Revised charge, September 26, 2011, to decrease membership from 21 to 17 voting members.

Revised charge, October 15, 2012, to decrease membership from 17 to 15 voting members.

Revised charge, April 24, 2017, to decrease membership from 15 to 9 voting members.